

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract on the front page of the international application with the following replacement abstract:

A communication system and method for prolonging a packet-switched connection between a core network node and a mobile station. When the mobile station sends a mobility management request to the core network node, the core network node decides whether or not to prolong the packet-switched connection. The core network node then informs the mobile station of the decision by including a new information element in the acceptance message. The mobile station then controls its actions based on whether or not the packet-switched connection is being prolonged.